

their own personal spiritual need, and that of their relatives and friends. These needs are great.

The age demands all there is in any man. To save their children from going astray requires all the parents can do. To secure a maintenance makes ceaseless demands whether one be in the employ of others, toils alone or is an employer. Even those who have inherited fortunes find it difficult to secure an income which will support them without consuming the principal.

Whoever proposes to master any art, science or profession will find every hour occupied unless he jealously guards the interests of other claims. Fashionable life is a fruitful consumer of energy and time, and the dissipater of spirituality.

Everyone knows these things, few heed them.

When Christians yield to any of these there goes out from them a spirit that diminishes the probability of the conversion of those who are affected by daily intercourse with them.

The true pastor is the God-appointed awakener of all such. But this alone is simply an excitement sure to evaporate, unless the energies of the awakened are concentrated on the work of rectifying their spiritual state. A day's delay to act after the conscience is aroused, is sufficient to undo the work of months of faithful preaching.

The would-be arouser must himself be aroused.

At this hour most churches are inactive. Two months, the best in the year, in present social and business conditions, lie between the present date and the festivities of Christmas. The pastor who wastes any of this time is among the most reckless of spendthrifts. His soul should be concentrated upon arousing his people and concentrating their energy first upon themselves, that they may be prepared for the work, and then upon the conversion of their neighbors.

It is usually a fatal mistake to delay until the beginning of the new year. For here the year begins in cold or storm, and progresses into an early spring, more inclement than any other part of the cycle.

## Personal Mention

Brother Lyon promises us a few new subs. on the 500.

In this issue Brother Gillin begins a new series of prayer meeting studies.

Brother Zed H. Copp begins work as pastor of the Ashland City church, November 14.

Brother J. D. McFaden will dedicate the new church at Burn's Chapel, November 14.

Brother J. C. Mackey reports another accession at Summit Mills, Pa., an Episcopalian by faith.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh began revival services in the Miamisburg congregation, October 24, to continue two weeks.

Brother J. M. Murray begins a short series of meetings at Alleppo, Pa., Nov. 6, to close with a communion service.

Brother Fetter Hall reports a very successful meeting held at Montour, Iowa, resulting in five accessions to the church.

Brother L. S. Bauman gives us some plain College talk in another column. We can cancel the debt by New Year if we will.

Brother J. L. Hamilton writes that just at the close of the meeting at Galesburg, Kans., two more made the good confession.

Brother Swihart organized a church at Rufus, Arkansas, with eleven members. He reports a good opening at that place.

We hope as many as possible will take advantage of the outline Bible studies to be given in this paper by brother J. A. Miller.

Brother Holsinger writes entertainingly of the experiences of his summer visits. We are all glad to hear from you, brother.

Brother Rench is pushing the College work in Indiana and is meeting with good success. Failure will not come thro Indiana.

Brother Dessenberg of the German Baptist church preached a very acceptable sermon last Sabbath morning in the College chapel.

We ask a careful reading of Brother Livengood's excellent article on, "The Pastor and his Duties." It will be concluded next week.

The Glenford meeting, conducted by Dr. McGregor, closed with fourteen accessions. The brethren surely have reasons to feel encouraged over this result. Brother Bowman gives the final report in this issue.

Brother A. R. Bemenderfer says, "I send you two more subscriptions to the EVANGELIST. That means one more sermon, bless the Lord." We hope the Brethren at that place will make the brother preach at least twenty-five sermons.

In sending the name of another new subscriber, Brother Kimmel writes, "One more is coming soon and my five will be in." Exactly so. Why should not one hundred have done just as Brother Kimmel is doing? That would make the five hundred.

Brother Darling reports his churches as progressing splendidly. He begins revival services in the Moxham church November 7, and says he will announce from the pulpit the advantages of having the EVANGELIST in every home in his congregation.

If it is ever right to say that a minister reports *valuable* accessions to the church it is proper to say it now of the report sent in by Brother Koontz. In God's sight all souls are alike precious, but some men are of far more value to God and his cause than others.

Brother Welty of Bryan, Ohio, writes that the class he serves as pastor will pay its twenty five cents per member for the Home Mission work in the state. Brother Welty has been making some special preparation for revival work during the coming season. Persons desiring his services will please write him.

Brother D. E. Ronk encloses two dollars with two subscriptions for the EVANGELIST and adds, "Best wishes for the 500." That he really means what he says is proven by what he has been doing to make up the number. Very seldom do we get a letter from him that does not contain a dollar or more for the paper. His are practical wishes, the kind that help the business.

"Take courage and turn your troubles, which are without remedy, into material for spiritual progress."—Sales.

An upright pillar will bear a great weight.

## Notes and Comments

**Wresting Scripture.**—People who attempt to make the Bible conform to their preconceived notions and opinions rather than conform their opinions to the teachings of the Bible invariably wrest Scripture from its intended meaning. If we would know the will of God concerning us we need to go to the Bible reverently, with a devout heart, sincerely desiring to know the truth as it is in Jesus. The *Christian Scotsman* in the following incident illustrates how Scripture may be wrested from its full meaning:

A dean had been giving a series of lectures on the doctrines of the church, ending up with a sermon on the words, "Hear the church." Soon after he was met by the bishop, who did not approve of this way of wresting Scripture, "I've heard about your lectures," said the bishop, "and now I think you had better take for your text, Hang all the law and the prophets." The dean looked shocked, and replied that he did not know of such a text. "Oh, yes there is," said the bishop. "If you can make Matt. 18:17 into Hear the church, you can make Matt. 22:40 into Hang all the law and the prophets."

**Do It Now.**—There are people who are always preparing to do something but never do it. They have spent years getting ready and are waiting for something to turn up. They should remember that God has put us down here into this world and has given us everything necessary for our growth and usefulness, and with these he expects us to work out our destiny and the purpose for which he has placed us here. If you ever expect to do anything for God or humanity begin *now*; this is your only time. Do not wait for great things, begin with little things for great things never come to people who neglect the little things. The following from Rev. H. C. Mabie is to the point:

Let us put out of our minds forever the thought that thirty years from now we are going to do something. You will not, unless you do it now. There is more time wasted, more sin committed, waiting for a more propitious opportunity than from any other one cause. "Behold, *now*"—not thirty minutes from now, not ten seconds ahead, but *now*; the "now" of Scripture has not the duration of the thousandth part of a second. "Now is the accepted time," not only to believe on Jesus Christ, but to *serve* Him.

**Precious Words.**—To the believer in Jesus no other words are so precious as the words of the Bible. Among these some are more precious than others. And while precious at all times, yet there are special times, in all our lives when the words of inspiration are more sweet and more precious than at others. In times of sorrow, of sickness, of bereavement, in the hour of death how sweet must be the words of the blessed book. It is said that Miss Frances Ridley Havergal, on the last day of her life, asked a friend to read to her the forty-second chapter of Isaiah. When the friend read the sixth verse, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee," Miss Haverly stopped her, "Called—held—kept—used," she whispered. "Well, I will just go home on that." That was a blessed going home. He who can go home on these words will find within his soul that sweet peace of God which robs death of all its terror.

**Look Up.**—At a convention, the Hon. Franklin D. Dale gave this good advice:—"Don't look down. People are made dizzy by looking down, even one hundred feet; but any one may look up as far as the stars in heaven." Exactly so. It was the look down at the waves that caused Peter to sink. He should have looked above the waves at the Christ.